

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-3 are amended to clarify the recitation and to avoid the formal rejection under 35 USC 112.

The Examiner rejects claim 1 as being anticipated by Fowler et al. under 35 USC 102(e). The Examiner also rejects claim 1 as being anticipated by Maguire, Jr. under 35 102(a).

New claim 1 is incorporated with the feature of original claim 4 and original claim 4 has been canceled.

Reconsideration is requested.

According to the invention as claimed in claim 1, A multi-display device, wherein a plurality of basic displays or basic units are horizontally arranged, a central basic display or central basic unit is supported and held in an inclined state by an additionally disposed inclination mechanism, lateral basic displays or lateral basic units are connected to and supported on the central basic display or central basic unit respectively by hinge members so that a distance between the adjacent central and lateral basic displays or basic units at an upper side portion of the basic display or basic unit is different from one at a lower side portion thereof.

According to this structure, even in a case where, in order to easily observe the displayed image entirely by the multi-display device, the central basic display or central basic unit is inclined vertically so that the upper side portion of the image screen is apart from the user, and the right and left (i.e., lateral) image

screens adjacent to the inclined central image screen is inclined forward (towards the user) with respect to the central image screen, the image screens can be clearly observed even in the inclination of the lower end portion of the lateral (right and left) basic display or lateral basic unit, by correcting the inclination.

On the contrary, in Fowler et al., the lateral basic displays 148 and 148 are connected to and supported on the central basic display 131 respectively by the pivotal hinge connections 147 disposed at center position of the longitudinal end portion of the lateral displays, respectively, so that a distance between the adjacent central and lateral basic displays at an upper side portion of the basic display is same as one at a lower side portion thereof.

Therefore, in a case where, in order to easily observe the displayed image entirely by the multi-display device, the central basic display 131 is inclined vertically so that the upper side portion of the image screen is apart from the user, and the right and left (i.e., lateral) image screens adjacent to the inclined central image screen is inclined forward (towards the user) with respect to the central image screen, the image screens can not be clearly observed because of the inclination of the lower end portion of the lateral (right and left) basic display 148.

Further, in Maguire, Jr., the video display monitors 14 are mounted on the console bases 64 but not supported by a hinge. Further, the video display monitors 14 are not connected by a hinge but the console bases 64 are connected by a hinge. That is, Maguire, Jr. does not disclose the above feature described in claim 1.

Therefore, claim 1 has novelty and inventive step over Fowler et al. and Maguire, Jr. .

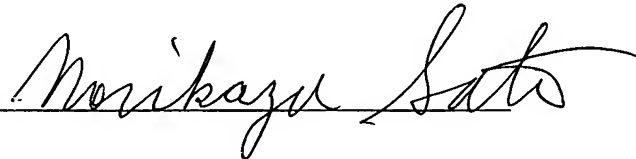
In addition, inventions as claimed in claims 2-3 have

inventive steps, respectively because they depend on the independent claim 1 having an inventive step and/or any intervening claims having inventive steps.

As described above, the inventions as claimed in claims 1-3 are patentable.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections, and allowance of all pending claims respectfully solicited.

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